

2026.56	Clerks Report	Action
1.	Three defibrillators in Colsterworth have been reported as not active. Little Legs Nursery unit needs to be serviced; The White Lion unit also needs a replacement battery, but the cabinet is filling with water; North Witham Village Hall unit needs a replacement battery. All these units are at least 10 years old and not under a service plan. Batteries cost at least £250. Three active temporary units have been sourced for the time being until Council decides on their plan of action - to continue with the old models or to replace them. Buckminster Estates are sourcing 2 units for Gunby and Stainby. The PC has agreed to take on the maintenance and servicing contract for these.	Clerk
2.	Both Play Park gates at Woolsthorpe Road play Park do not close properly. The soft close hinges are broken. A different style spring closure hinge will be fitted to the metal gates in situ. A single gate at Colster Way Play Park has also been reported as broken. New hinges have been ordered like for like and will be fitted soonest.	Clerk/Cllrs
3.	The clerk has emailed the Planning Department submitting the geophysical survey carried out by South Witham Archaeological Group to satisfy condition 3 of Decision Notice S25/1979. We are waiting for a reply.	Clerk
4.	The Council's view on the mirror at the crossroads of High Street and Bourne Road has been sent to the resident who raised the query.	Clerk
5.	A Temporary Traffic Road Closure has been applied for Remembrance Sunday, 8 th November. A confirmation email has been received from LCC Highways Events team.	Clerk
6.	Stackmail has been contacted to try to sort out issues with a Councillor's email.	Clerk
7.	Details on the Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments have been updated in preparation for digital AGAR.	Clerk
8.	Jonathan Thompson, the local farmer, was phoned to see if he could cut back the hedge at Old Post crossroads as visibility for vehicles trying to pull out of Old Post Lane onto the Stainby Road was poor. He has very kindly completed this.	Clerk
9.	Two wreaths have been ordered for 2026 and 2027. This saves on postage.	Clerk
10.	Nature Trail – visit with Mo, Nature Trail Ranger, to discuss the state of the trees bordering the trail and the need to carry out a tree survey.	Clerk
11.	Fix My Street 2898789: the dead tree on Walnut Grove was reported. Action is underway, but more concerns have been raised about the state of the tree in the current heatwave. Fix my Street: following a report of 30+ KEYKEG cylinders dumped at this location - What3Words:///hourglass.thinkers.harshest – this has been reported to FMS and we are awaiting a progress report.	Clerk
12.	Fly tipping of large sandbags was also reported with photographs supplied. It is thought that the land belongs to Larkfleet Homes and they have been contacted to confirm ownership.	Clerk
13.	The print run for In Touch magazine for August received only 19 additional copies on top of the 1000 order. An additional 31 copies had to be ordered as a separate run to fulfil the quota for households. Future orders for the In Touch magazine has been increased to 1050 with only a marginal increase in print costs, but a guaranteed delivery number.	Clerk
14.	Cllr Hainsworth and the clerk met with a new allotment plot holder on the Stamford Road allotments to look at plot boundaries and access. Adjacent plot holders were contacted to advise them of the intended clearance of the plot in question and the erection of fencing.	Clerk
15.	Fixmystreet 2901993 Overgrown Footpath 20 School Lane to Spring Lane Colsterworth. The footpath was reported as overgrown with nettles so has been registered for clearance.	Clerk

16.	A resident in Gunby reported issues with blocked storm drains and an overgrown stream in the village. This was flagged up in February to LCC, but seems to be an ongoing issue. Cllr D Bellamy has also tried to help to resolve this, but there has been no response. Photos will be taken and forwarded to LCC to see if progress can be made.	Clerk
17.	The Clerk contacted SKDC planning department as no response has been received to the submission of a request for a variation in planning conditions for S25/1979. We are still waiting on a response as the department is very busy.	Clerk
18.	The Clerk visited a resident in Gunby who reported blocked drains and the fact that the stream has not been cleared this year back in February. Several photos were taken to submit to LCC and to Anglia Water. Cllr David Bellamy is aware of the issue and has been trying to pursue a resolution. A FixMy Street case number, 4211942, is linked to the problem: case officer Julie O'Neill. The issue will be followed up.	Clerk
2026.57	Correspondence	
1.	A meeting was organised with Alicia Kearns MP on Thursday 30 th July in Colsterworth to discuss the HGV issues raised by parishioners.	Clerk/Cllrs
2.	An email was circulated to Stamford Road Allotment tenants to remind them to try to keep weeds down following correspondence from one plot holder.	Clerk
3.	An email was received from HSBC reference potential fee changes from 14.12.26	Clerk/Cllrs
4.	Email asking permission to clear Colsterworth river of metallic debris using magnets. It was thought that this was not in the remit of the PC but the Environment Agency, so no response was required.	Clerk/Cllrs
5.	A donation was received from the closure of garden club. This amount has been ring fenced as an earmarked reserve so it will be used for purchasing a bench for the Nature Trail and other improvements as needed.	Clerk/Cllrs
6.	A parishioner raised concerns about the footpath disappearance from the entrance of Bourne Paddock. The comments from LCC S26/ Rights of Way and Access Team were forwarded to her. It was also pointed out that this application was due to be discussed at the Planning Meeting on 6 th August.	Clerk/Cllrs
7.	Street naming Canister Court - no objections received and the link to local heritage was appreciated.	Clerk/Cllrs
8.	A consultation for new Post Office van times for Colsterworth run from Billingborough was circulated. Date of closure 19 th August 2026.	Clerk
9.	An incident on Nature Trail flagged up on Facebook 22 July. The information was circulated to Councillors.	Clerk/Cllrs
10.	Correspondence was received and circulated about the Village Hall lease and maintaining it as a community asset. See agenda item 2026.63	Clerk/Cllrs
11.	The status of the bowls club is under discussion, but the PC are awaiting a formal approach to be able to take this further.	Cllrs
12.	A resident raised a concern through Mo Taylor, Nature Trail Ranger, about overhanging branches from trees located on the Nature Trail. He confirmed that she could remove any which encroached her garden at her own cost and risk. The tree in question is an ash, so the potential for ash dieback in the future needs to be considered. It looks healthy now, but a tree survey is due for the Nature Trail trees and is recommended.	Clerk/Cllrs
13.	An update was received from Weston Marsh to East Leicestershire National Grid about ground investigation surveys due to be carried out over the next 18 to 24 months. Parishioners can contact them at WMEL@savills.com or see updates at www.nationalgrid.com/wmel	Clerk/Cllrs

14.	A concern was raised about traffic from over-sized lorries on Woolsthorpe Road from Skillington Quarry and possibly the old landfill site and the issue that the weight restriction on the Woolsthorpe Road bridge was being breached. Evidence was requested so that Council could formally lodge a complaint with SKDC and Skillington quarry.	Clerk/Cllrs
15.	A query was received about the derelict garage adjacent to the White Lion on High Street with a view to refurbishment. The PC has no link to the garage, so it was suggested that adjacent properties were contacted for information and advice.	Clerk/Cllrs
16.	Issue of Microlite noise on Wednesday 12 th August over Gunby, Stainby and other villages. This seems to be persistent as it had been previously reported in April. Unfortunately, noise is not a reportable issue, but low flying and possible use of the take-off and landing site for no more than 28 days per month could be enforced. Evidence is needed.	Clerk/Cllrs
17.	A request for an update on the hedge issue at Stamford Road Allotments was received. Savills have been emailed.	Clerk
2026.58	Planning	
	SKDC Planning Applications	
S26/0458/P SLET	Planning committee meeting 9 th July to consider application S26/0458/PSLET for 18 self storage units on Great North Road, Colsterworth. Cllr D Bellamy submitted a representation to be read out at the meeting outlining the PC and his concerns about the development.	
S26/0683/P SLET	Planning Committee meeting 6 th August to consider application S26/0683/PSLET for construction of 4no dwellings on land between 16-18 Bourne Rd, Colsterworth NG33 5JE	
S26/1340	Discharge of Conditions (Planning) Submission of details reserved by Condition 3 (Construction Traffic, Management Plan) of planning permission S26/0458 (Erection of 18no. fixed self-storage units) Secure Self Storage (a1) Ltd, Great North Road, Colsterworth, NG33 5JJ	
S26/1391	Discharge of Conditions (Planning) Submission of details reserved by conditions 3 (During building work) of planning permission S25/1484. 8 Back Lane Colsterworth Lincolnshire NG33 5NJ App Type:	
S26/1424	Works to TPO Tree(s): Proposal: T1- Horse Chestnut- Crown Raise to 2.4m to provide clearance over the road. T2- Box Elder- Reduce back to the Boundary. T3- Yew- To trim lateral branches and improve appearance. T4- Beech- To trim lateral branches and improve visual appearance. T5- Horse Chestnut- Crown Raise to 2.4m to provide clearance over the road. G1 (T6, T7, T8, T11 & T12) - Sycamore- Crown raise to 2.4m. T9- Laurel- Niwaki prune to improve visual appearance and to allow more light around canopy floor. T10- Holly- Crown raise to 2.4m to ensure clearance over private road for pedestrian and vehicle safety. G2 (T13, T14 & T15)- Yew- Crown Raise to 2.4m to provide necessary clearance, improve ground conditions and provide ongoing maintenance. T16 & T17- Sycamore- Crown Raise to 2.4m, to provide necessary road clearance to ensure public safety. T18- Hawthorn- To remove dead lateral branches to improve the health of the tree, to provide ongoing maintenance and ensure public safety. T19 & T20- Apple Trees- To create an umbrella shape by reducing the crown by 1.5m, to reduce the size and weight minimising the risk of limb failure whilst retaining amenity value.	

	Location: The Rectory 13A Back Lane Colsterworth Lincolnshire NG33 5NJ App Type.	
PL/0037/26	Alert to amended description added to the application: DEVELOPMENT: PART RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION FOR REINSTATEMENT OF WEIGHBRIDGE AND WHEEL CLEANING FACILITY (AS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED UNDER S22/2421) AND SITING OF PORTABLE BUILDINGS LOCATION: COLSTERWORTH TRIANGLE, CRABTREE ROAD, COLSTERWORTH Email received 24/08/26	
	LCC Planning Permission Granted	
	SKDC Planning Permission Granted	
S26/0918	Proposal: G1 - Group of 3 x horse chestnut, growing towards house - Provide approx 3m clearance from any part of the house and 4m crown raise on the surrounding horse chestnut trees G2 - Group of 3 x silver birch, growing towards house - prune 3m away from property & 2.5m from ground level T1 - Beech growing towards house - tree over patio, crown raise to 4m all around canopy Location: The Rectory , 13A Back Lane, Colsterworth, Lincolnshire, NG33 5NJ	
S26/0688	Application for Certificate of Lawful Development for the installation of twelve electric vehicle (EV) charging bays, along with associated equipment, within existing car park of the OK Diner, Colsterworth.	
S26/0687	Application for proposed substation, display totem, and associated works Colsterworth Grantham NG33 5LN	
S26/0683	Application for construction of 4no dwellings Land between 16-18 Bourne Road, Colsterworth NG33 5JE	